CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Applicant:	Waitakere District Court
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
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Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The camera focuses on the youthful body of a posing prepubescent girl. Although the girl wears underwear, her wide-legged pose and the position of her hands beneath her top and in the waistband of her pants sexualises the image in a way that rules out innocent interpretations. The image is intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such images encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the belief that young girls may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.